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25X1 [] Note: For several months past there have been arriving in Lanchow, Shanghai and Tientsin groups of Russian emigrant refugees from the Ili area of Sinkiang. These people say they were forced to flee when they refused to register as Soviet citizens. [] English language dailies in Shanghai carried stories and pictures about these people.)

1. The following were among prominent Soviet Russians serving in various capacities with the IL Government [redacted];

Colonel-General Leskin who commands all the Soviet forces serving with the Ili Government. His assistant is Madeharov.

The Minister for Home Affairs [? Commissioner of Civil Affairs?] is Moskalenko, a former Russian emigrant.

General Polivanov, a former colonel in the Orenburg Cossack Army of Ataman Dutov, is in charge of Pioneer (?), Engineer and Motor Transport units.

All these men are subordinate to General Leskin.

25X1 2. The Soviet Russians did not withdraw their forces from Sinkiang [] as previously reported. When the Chinese authorities objected to their participation in the rebellion the Soviet officials asked that a joint commission see for itself. When the commission, composed of local government representatives, Soviet Russians, Americans (?) and Chinese military representatives visited the front they saw no "Red Army" soldiers as they had been ordered to withdraw to the rear. These Soviet soldiers spent the winter in towns north of Ining (Kuldja 81-14, 43-55) and reappeared to fight again []. They forced many Russian emigrants to fight.

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25X1 3. The Soviet forces withdrew to the USSR [] and took with them many of the emigrants who had been fighting. Most of these persons were imprisoned and executed according to a few who managed to escape and return to Sinkiang.

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